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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 2-6 and 15 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 3-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 15 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the previous Office Action. That is, claims 2 and 15 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Japanese Patent JP 48-9201, hereinafter referred to as JP'201.